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Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows:

In the Specification:

>> Page 1, on or about lines 2-3 please delete the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application claims the benefit of PPA Ser. No. 60/464,012, filed 2003 Apr 19 by the present inventor.

>> Please add the following in its place:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application claims the benefit of PPA Ser. No. 60/464,012, filed 2003 Apr 19 by the present inventor.

Remarks:

The above amendment is provided in response to the statutory requirement that application insert a reference to applicant's PPA.

Very respectfully submitted,

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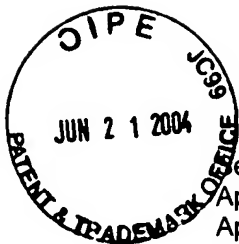
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The GKOS keyboard (included reference) has a limited set of keys on the back side of the hand-held device. The device does not have the same overall shape, nor the handles and contours to line up the hands to the proper keys as my present invention. Furthermore, as shown in the included reference "The GKOS Keyboard Character Set," there is a learning curve to master the combinations of keystrokes for each character to permit rapid data entry, different from my invention which can take advantage of a QWERTY layout.

In John Kavanagh's article in Ability Magazine (included reference) the One-handed keyboard differs substantially from my present invention.

The Aiptek Hyper Pen 6000 digitizer tablet (included reference) has a similar shape, and the appearance of handles as in my invention. However the device is meant to be used at a table or desk, with a pen input. Whereas my invention is can be used while standing or away from a table or desk. There is no keyboard on this device, and the intention of the "handles" are not to position or line up the user's hands as in my invention.

Patent Application US 2002/0140680 A1 (included reference) has a touch pad on the back side of a portable device. However it does not have the handles and contours to line up the user's hands as in my invention. Nor does it mention sensors on the handles to guard against unwanted data entry. The embodiments shown in the figures do not have a QWERTY keyboard, which would require a learning curve for those used to touch typing on a standard keyboard.

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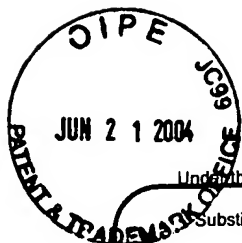
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		US- 6,611,255	08-26-2003	Griffin, et al	Fig 2
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